

LITERARY NOTES.

Mr. James's "Princess Casamassima" will not be concluded until August of next year. Meanwhile Miss Murey and Mr. W. H. Bishop will contribute serial stories to "The Atlantic."

Mr. Howells, now that he is leaving Boston—in the literary way—is learning the truth of the "prophet" adage. "The Howells stories," says "The Boston Traveller," "remind one of the New-York lady's criticism on poor Helen Harkness's millinery—that her bonnets seemed all 'touch.' This is not saying, however, that there are not finer elements in Mr. Howells's work than is recognized by readers who read only for the interest of the story, and which can only be appreciated at their full value by critical observers. There is a delicacy and a grace that only literary stupidity could fail to estimate at its true literary value. But there is something to be regretted when a man has such felicity of expression and apparently nothing to express. This is the failure of Howells's novels. They are the ingenious mechanism of a writer who has, by sheer force of will, made himself a novelist, but they are not informed with soul; they lack all the psychological movement, and lack the immortality of great idea. Mr. Howells's novels are regarded by the publishers as an excellent commercial speculation, and as such are very highly esteemed. He is an ideal man of business, prompt, reliable and methodical. When Mr. Howells announces that it is his purpose to begin a novel at 10 a.m. on the 10th day of the month and to complete it at a specified date, it is an affair for which it is safe to base exact calculations. The inherent quality of genius, the unknown element, the mysterious, divine, incalculable power, is not an element of the constructive work of Mr. Howells. He has his forces all in hand, and he marshals them out at the proper times and seasons. This is the advantage of industry over inspiration."

Boston, however, ought not to be too severe; for Mr. Howells is quoted by "The Evening Record" as saying that he considered Boston society the best in the world.

Madame Adam has written down some personal recollections for "Harper's Magazine."

A reprint of the seventh London edition of "Her Majesty's Tower" by Hepworth Dixon, has lately come from the press of T. Y. Crowell. The work will probably have a certain popularity; for it is graphic in spots and its subject is one of wondrous historic interest. But it is spasmodic, careless and inflated, was most of Mr. Dixon's work.

The "Life and Times of John Bunyan," an important work founded on official documents and records, is in the press of Houghton, Mifflin & Co. The author is the Rev. John Brown, Minister of the Bunyan Meeting at Bedford, England. The work is to be handsomely illustrated.

A neat, and useful if not particularly handsome edition of Carlyle's "Sartor Resartus" has just been published by Estes & Lauriat.

The Rev. Dr. Stockbridge, of Providence, is engaged in preparing, with copious biographical and bibliographical notes, a catalogue of "The Harris Collection of American Poetry," the gift to Brown University of the late Senator Anthony. The collection is a valuable and important one, and Dr. Stockbridge is well equipped for the work.

In "The Story of Greece" (G. P. Putnam's Sons) Professor J. A. Harrison, who has gone chiefly to Thessaly and Herodotus for his materials, offers a narrative simple but sufficiently picturesque to commend itself to the young readers for whom it is intended.

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